



Kenmore Middle School PTA

Escuela de Kenmore Asociación de Padres y Profesores

November 14, 2017

November Meeting Minutes

- PTA President, Fran Cloe, called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Villafane, Ms. Close and Ms. Sexton.
- Michelle Gillespie made a motion to accept the minutes and Rachelle Naab seconded.
- Principal's report (Villafane):
 - The Girls Basketball game on Nov 14th was great!
 - Arlington High Schools will start scheduling for rising 9th graders very soon.
 - Report cards going out Friday, Nov 17, 2017.
- Angie Close thanked the PTA for their continued support, on behalf of the staff.
- Treasurer Report:
 - Current budget is about \$40K.
 - The 5K was great – we received \$2,000 from last year's race that we weren't expecting, and around \$2,000 from this year's race.
 - School supplies pulled in a lot – \$15,000 in income so far.
 - Overall, we're doing well with the current budget.
- Michelle Gillespie/5K –
 - We had 152 registered
 - It was good weather
 - It's intended to be a FUN raiser rather than fund raiser and it was a lot of fun = Considered a success.

- Lisa Coll/Grants –
 - The Grants Committee has a \$14K budget.
 - Received 18 applications asking for \$25,000.
 - Funded part of all of those 18 applications.
 - \$9241 awarded thus far.
 - Spring grants are due in mid-January.
 - The Grants committee hopes to increase their budget a bit.
 - Committee member Lora Strine thanked everyone for fundraising efforts because the money goes directly to more programs for kids, and it's hard to say no to these grant applications.

- Jill Buzby/SEPTA – Upcoming Superintendent's Chat on December 11, submit your questions online.

- Jill Buzby/Kenmore Counts – Numbers aren't updated daily but we have around \$25 from Certifikid, \$153 from Giant, which just started, and \$190 from Harris Teeter.

- Fran Cloe/Directory – It's done. Open to everyone. Password protected.

- Old Business
 - Reduced dues (\$10) for teachers vote:
 - Motion to vote – Carlin Schwartz, 2nd – Rachelle Naab.
 - All attendees voted yea, there were no nays and no abstainers. Motion passed.

- New Business
 - Odyssey of the Mind –
 - Carlin Schwartz spoke about a KMS OOTM team asking for PTA monetary support.
 - Lively discussion about how this is a school-supported activity (usually handled by the Gifted Resource teacher), not a PTA activity and it needs to be open to all KMS kids, not just the one Ashlawn/Kenmore team asking for support.
 - Fran Cloe will talk to Ms Weber about handling and getting OOTM info out to the KMS community.
 - Money/support issue tabled for now.

- Lisa Blackwell reminded everyone to “Engage with APS” – tell APS (online) what you want for the future!
- Special Presentation:
 - Jenny Sexton (school counselor) gave a Substance Abuse Prevention overview.
 - APS data matches National data.
 - Substance Abuse Prevention is introduced in 6th grade.
 - There are three prevention activities per year.
 - Parents should lead by example and create a code word with your child for them to text you if they’re in trouble.
 - Drugs have not been a huge problem at KMS but they are in APS so parents and students need to be aware.
- 8:40 – meeting adjourned.

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